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VOCATION

It is not inappropriate to turn our attention on the morrow of May Day to the problems of work, and worklessness. No matter how our Editor may castigate examinations, the underlying cause of summer fever and nervous strain is deeper. In the words of the University Grants Committee:—"The minds of students are too often exercised in a predominant degree with the imperative necessity of choosing a vocation and entering upon it, if possible, directly they have completed their University course. Early concentration upon the problem of a career in after-life is no doubt very salutary from many points of view, but it has also its less satisfactory aspects. It may involve on the part of the student an excessive anxiety and concern for purely practical ends as distinct from the more ideal ends of a liberal education. Indeed, we fear that such anxiety casts over many a student's life a shadow which hinders him from taking full advantage of the opportunities that a University has to offer. When the element of zest is lacking, these years can hardly be the inspiration which they ought to be."

The problem is an economic one, and the consequences are grievous for liberal education, social and athletic activities and the peace of mind of the individual student. Studies suffer in spontaneity, and friendship and fellowship are stultified. As Cardinal Newman says:—"A University is not a foundry or a mint or a treadmill . . . but merely a place where a number of young people are brought together for three or four years . . . training, moulding, enlarging the mind." How can we tire the sun with talking and send him down the sky, when our funds are few and our prospects of employment precarious?

Not a foundry or a mint or a treadmill? What can we do to avert these, when the full force of economic dislocation has smitten the educated children of parents of restricted means, and has removed from their future the element of choice, when trained for secondary teaching we pass into elementary schools, when a degree seems in itself no ready passport to independence and work? Actually, we can do a great deal.

It is true that the worth of democratic university education has been brought sharply into question

by the poverty of the prospects of employment, remuneration and conditions of work offered to the graduate in these days of crisis. It is equally true that the more proletarian universities like our own have suffered most; the older universities, entrenched in tradition and prestige, and fortified by novel organisations of which the Oxford Society is a grave portent, have held their own. We have perhaps obtained jobs, but they have often been poor ones. Inadequate employment has been our problem.

But it is also true that since 1934, these difficulties have sensibly diminished. To quote again:—"A number of us have had to wait some little time before they found any opening, but delay is occasionally inevitable owing to the necessity for further professional study and training, and we believe that the percentage of those actually unemployed is relatively small." It is true, moreover, and in many ways unfortunately true, that the number of entrants into universities like our own has declined in proportion to the bottle-neck of professional employment in these disjunct times. There is more stability to-day.

But the root problem remains. University education has spread vastly over a new section of the population, and the rewards and opportunities are not always adequate or equally distributed. What can we do—apart from becoming critical of the society we live in?

Science Departments place their own students through technical and professional contacts. Similarly with engineers, and up to a point, with teachers. What is the point, with teachers. What is the responsibility of the College beyond this? It is not surely to preoccupy itself with the professional prospects of after-life when to-day, more perhaps than ever before, there rests upon the universities of democratic countries a special responsibility in the training of men and women for life according to the traditions of their liberal heritage. But, on the other hand, the greatest dangers to this training are economic pressure and fear of the future. We can avert them by the student having sufficient *faith* to live out his academic and social life to the full, examining life and learning where his interests lie, courageously making few concessions to illiberal

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facts, following his bent and his brains, and necessarily by the College *providing so far as possible the conditions of courage and true education.* The teacher must believe in the overriding importance of his work, and must encourage initiative, damping the line of least resistance.

And on the practical side, we must do what we can to *exorcise fear.* That we try to do through our Loan Fund and our Appointments Board. Our job is not so much to find jobs, as to remove the fear of not getting them, so that a university life may be led. We ask that students may register

with the Board early in their College life, so that we may dispel the blinding shadow of anxiety—and at the end we do our best to help, by putting students into touch with employers, and by drawing out for them a chart of the world they may enter, industry, commerce, research and administration, the Civil Service and a variety of professions. It is a chart scarred with reefs and shallows, but it must be regarded with peace of mind for true education and real community to be realised.

Donald Tyerman.

WESSEX NEWS

Tuesday, May 5th, 1936.

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EDITORIAL.

We remember, in our youthful days, struggling with a School Magazine in a school where journalistically speaking nothing seemed to happen. We fear we may shortly be in the same position once more. We almost wish, only it is impious and therefore a bad thing, that somebody would get sent down for assaulting a member of staff or declare a strike against all lectures which began early and ended late: at least such a noble being would provide us with copy. We do wish quite definitely, impious or no, that Refectory would go up in smoke, provided that it no one went up with it.

We have had, it is true, a Sports Day which was sufficiently uninspiring to be worthy of comment, and are promised festive opening ceremonies to herald the opening of tennis courts worthy of playing on and a boat house worthy of almost anything, but beyond that no one seems to do ought but work, a good thing in itself maybe but singularly uninspiring.

For us, of course, there remains always one solution, to produce a bogus issue so bogus that it would take the rest of the term, if we were here, to explain it away. It is an idea not to be lightly cast aside. Were we to say that all the more or less unstable or temporary of our buildings had gone up in a tornado, we might find that next day the Lord Mayor of London had started a relief fund, or possibly some noble industrialist might see his way back to becoming the latest peer.

1. The Editor is not responsible for the views expressed in signed articles.

2. Correspondents are asked to make their letters as brief and to the point as possible.

3. The Editor regrets that, owing to lack of space, it is impossible to print Society reports unless they have genuine news value.

At the opening of the new boat house at 2 p.m. on Saturday, the College will be able to obtain first hand knowledge of its most exclusive body. We have the assurance of those in charge that it will even be safe for ladies to attend on this one occasion. The tide table, by making 2.30 the latest time for the race, ensures a merciful shortness of speeches.

Overheard in Staff Refec., "New Hall is full of Lats."

"LET JOY BE UNCONFINED."

In a session when the innovation of cheap and Faculty dances has restored pleasure and profit to College dancing, it was to be wondered how far the A.U. dance would retain its reputation as "the jolliest show of the year." There was never in the actual event any doubt. The pleasant informality of the occasion was pleasanter than ever, and a number of special chances added lustre and fun.

The chief mark of distinction was the visit of the Mayor and Mayoress kindly to present the trophies to the winning athletes. They were supported by the Principal and Mrs. Vickers, with the Registrar in the chair. While presentations and not dances were thus temporarily the order of the evening at the end of supper, a number of speeches were made, pivoting as is usual on this occasion on the athletic aspects of co-education. A lead was characteristically given by the Chairman, who achieved a record, not like the other records explicitly acclaimed, by for the fourth time in five years confusing his pronouns when referring to our distinguished visitors.

But it was not only in speech and revelry that the evening was noteworthy. We were honoured by the fact that this was the first College function graced by the presence of Mrs. Potter. And with Dr. Potter came also the foreign students in his charge, which made it possible for us to note down the contributions to international understanding made by our casters of cricket balls and an official of the Netball Club. Women's Tennis and Boats were no less zealous in their promotion of bonhomie, and we were forcibly impressed by the contrast between Old and New afforded by the blazers of the captain-elect of Soccer and the leader of the Rugby XV.

It was interesting to observe that an erudite knowledge of Old English contributes nothing to the manipulation (pedipulation?) of Old English dances. And we shall not easily forget the scorn visited by the Recorder of the A.U. upon the "soft drinks" dispersed at the bar.

We must congratulate all those concerned in the arrangements.

VISIT OF TENNIS STARS.

The opening of the new Tennis Courts, announced in our last number for May 9th, has been brought forward to May 6th to fit in with the plans of our visitors. G. P. Hughes will be the central figure in this event and he will bring with him, not H. G. N. Lee, as was first suggested, but E. C. Peters, who was in the last eight in the Bournemouth Championship meeting which has just ended. Efforts have been made by the Chairman of the A.U. to complete the array of talent with Miss Dearman and Miss Lyle, and although these efforts have been unsuccessful it is still possible that Hughes will bring, not only Peters, but also the New Zealand Davis Cup players, Malfroy and Stedman.

The opening ceremony and the start of the exhibition play are timed for 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. Various rudimentary stands will enable members of the A.U. and visitors to view the events, and at the end tea will be available at a small charge in the Pavilion.

If the weather is fine, the attention which we have been led to pay to tennis and tennis courts will be brought to a fine consummation. We are extremely grateful to Mr. Hughes and his fellow players for their generous action in offering to come, and we are in debt also to the Chairman of the A.U. who, in the middle of an arduous week, had perforce to visit Bournemouth twice to make possible the arrangements for this opening.

Nominations for Faculty Representatives on next year's S.C. have to be handed in by 5 p.m. to-day: the elections will take place some time the following week.

Stoneham now has a notice board at either gate "Whippersnappers will be prosecuted." Whether this is meant for men from "over the way" is not clear.

We hear that the Boat House is to have a flag-staff with Bynoe's Boat Club bags nailed to the mast.

Tap Room Debate.

As a subject for debate the motion, "That American films are a moral menace to the world," sounded promising; unfortunately that was about as far as it got. The two Americans from N. Carolina, unaware until a few hours beforehand of what they were to speak on, were neither of them geniuses at improvisation, though the one that is engaged to the Broadway Star who is to play opposite Leslie Howard in the American film of Romeo and Juliet must surely have some fine flow of words. Betty Stallard was probably the best of the four speakers, though saying that is no cause for a jubilee, but Hodgkinson fell a long way below his gem of the I.V.D.

The worst feature of the debate, however, was the standard of speeches from the floor. A numerous 'house' distinguished itself by a number of fatuous remarks and dirty or puerile jokes, having little or no relevance to the debate at all, while the one attempt at a serious speech, by Child, was almost ruined by this group of self-styled humorists. One expects most I.V.D.'s to be fairly cheap and shallow (and very humorous, of course), in order apparently that everyone may have a good time, but if this is to be our general debating standard then the Cowherds or the Common would be a better venue.

A plumber's exam. was held at College on Saturday: we understand that no candidates were allowed to leave to fetch their tools.

Let anyone who has failed to notice, Mr. Geddes stayed in an exam. for ten minutes and left without handing in a paper.

THE FLAGRANT MOMENT.

MY GARDEN.

I've been working in my garden, planting sweet forget-me-nots and transferring ering snails from inverted little pots, and when the summer comes around, I'll sit among my flowers and, like a human sundial, just count the sunny hours! Will some expert please inform me what are earwigs' cercapods? Why all the peas I ever grow have nothing in their pods? Why do the slugs eat up my plants and sparrows peck my beans? Why do the snails draw silver trails and excavate my greens? Why do the gentle aphides insert their verdant noses into the fragrant cosy hearts of all my sweetest roses? I'll sit in summer 'neath my trees when noontide comes all hot—A garden is a loveome but a pesky place—what, what?

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Neither organisers nor competitors can admit that Sports Day was an unqualified success.

There was an extremely poor entry, a meeting which began late and ended considerably later than the advertised time, a slackness on the part of competitors in getting to their marks, and very few competitors who were FIT.

This last fact is undoubtedly responsible for the general mediocrity of performances. New records were made, but they were more than offset by the prevailing low standard. Outstanding features were, the sprinting of Wallace, Miss Luff's performance, Bagwell's supremacy in the three miles and the fact that Morton had obviously taken some pains to master the technicalities of his events.

Wallace is undoubtedly a promising sprinter and both of his performances lose but little merit in having been made on a downhill track. A little more attention to technique and a better arm action should work wonders with this sprinter. For his 220 yards, he received the Sir Henry Milner White Cup, as Champion Athlete.

Miss Luff, best Champion of Women, competed in six events, gaining four firsts and two seconds. She is to be especially complimented for her record performance in the 220, but it is a lamentable fact that for reasons unknown (to the writer) it should be necessary for one competitor to shoulder the responsibilities of six events.

P. S. Bagwell was master of the three miles. Possessed of abundant energy he revealed, on Saturday, that he is also becoming master of the long distance runner's bug-bear, regularity of pace. Had he but used spikes the ensuing economies of style would undoubtedly have resulted in a faster time.

Morton not only won two field events, the weight and discus (new record), but, what was more important, demonstrated his obvious attention to style and technique.

One is apt to let one's enthusiasm for athletics make this report an inquest of events. From these events must come the bulk of the College Athletic team for the season.

The short sprints are well up to standard. In the Men's quarter mile Atkinson returned 57 9/10, leaving much room for improvement.

Middle Distance running was disappointing. A half mile in 2 16 3/5 is not very promising, although Atkinson may, quite sensibly, have been taking things easy in view of his quarter to follow, whilst Robson the holder, had, less than an hour before, contested a hard mile.

The mile produced the best flash of the day. Robson and Evans fighting hard all the way, the former gaining an inches verdict.

More than a quarter of a century ago A. C. Kneuzlein introduced the straight leg style of hurdlings, none of Saturday's hurdlers seem to realise its value or have a working knowledge of it. As a result we were treated, in the men's hurdles, to an exhibition of steeple chasing, sadly marred by an obvious ignorance of rules.

It was refreshing to find in the men's High Jump an exponent of the Eastern cut off style who should improve upon 5' 4 1/2" with hard work and care.

The victory of the Engineering faculty in the Tug-of-War concluded Sports Day, 1936.

What conclusions can one draw? Talent is available but not in vast quantities.

(Is the determination to develop that talent forthcoming?)

Secondly, critics are legion.

(Will they put on their spikes and join in the training?)

Thirdly, officials are human, they don't ask for the jobs, they don't like to refuse them, and in many cases they would like a set of rules a few hours before to refresh their memories.

Fourthly, Athletic teams cannot be chosen from competitors who do not exist.

It seems that a team will have to be picked from among many competitors who competed in events, but refused to train.

On Saturday the Men's Athletic Team opens its programme with a match against the Royal Navy at Swaythling. The team is obviously anything but complete at the present moment. More members are required. A week's training can make the difference between victory and defeat. In three week's time the Inter. Collegiate Championships will be held at Winchester. May the College be able to send a strong, confident and well-trained team.

RESULTS.

Men.

100 yds. 1, L. M. Wallace; 2, G. A. A. Moir; 3, K. Atkinson. Time, 10 1/5 secs.

220 yds. 1, L. M. Wallace; 2, G. A. A. Moir; 3, J. F. Newman. Time, 22 1/5 secs. (Record.)

440 yds. 1, K. Atkinson; 2, G. A. A. Moir; 3, F. Holmes. Time, 57 9/10 secs.

880 yds. 1, K. Atkinson; 2, R. Pew; 3, V. G. Robson. Time, 2 mins. 16 3/5 secs.

1 Mile. 1, V. G. Robson; 2, A. D. Evans; 3, J. G. Redd and D. W. Irons, dead heat. Time, 5 mins.

3 Miles. 1, P. S. Bagwell; 2, G. Newton-Smith; 3, D. W. Irons. Time, 16 mins. 21 secs. (Record.)

Team Result: 1, Science.

2, Economics.

120 yds. Hurdles. 1, H. J. Morris; 2, V. G. Robson; 3, E. Taylor.

Long Jump. 1, V. G. Robson; 2, B. W. McMullen; 3, G. A. C. Morton. Distance, 18 ft. 8 ins.

High Jump. 1, B. W. McMullen; 2, G. Hemming; 3, H. J. Morris. Height, 5 ft. 4 1/2 ins.

Discus. 1, G. A. C. Morton; 2, N. W. Hodgkinson; 3, G. Kintges. Distance, 103 ft. 9 ins. (Record.)

Putting the Shot. 1, G. A. C. Morton; 2, H. G. Cochrane; 3, S. C. A. Wapshott. Distance, 32 ft. 1 inch.

Cricket Ball. 1, N. W. Hodgkinson; 2, B. A. Wareham; 3, H. G. Cochrane. Distance, 101 yds. 2 ft. 4 ins.

Relay Race (1 mile). 1, Science; 2, Economics. Time, 4 mins. 8 3/5 secs.

Tug-o'-War. Engineering.

Women.

100 yds. 1, G. Luff; 2, J. West; 3, M. Betts. Time, 12 3/5 secs.

220 yds. 1, G. Luff; 2, M. Betts; 3, M. Capon. Time, 27 7/10 secs. (Record.)

440 yds. 1, G. Luff; 2, M. Betts; 3, G. Gittens. Time, 71 9/10 secs

80 metres Hurdles. 1, G. Luff; 2, B. Pavard; 3, M. Betts. Time, 14 3/5 secs.

High Jump. 1, B. Pavard; 2, G. Luff; 3, M. Betts. Height, 3 ft. 11 1/2 ins.

Long Jump. 1, B. Pavard; 2, G. Luff; 3, H. Sellar. Distance, 13 ft. 11 1/2 ins.

Relay Race (440 yds). 1, Science; 2, Arts. Time, 59 1/5 secs.

Men's Champion. L. M. Wallace (220 yds).

Women's Champion. G. Luff (220 yds).

Champion Faculty—Men. 1, Science; 2, Arts; 3, Economics.

Champion Faculty—Women. 1, Science; 2, Arts.

APATHETIC WOMEN!

A full fixture list, a perfect track and no women athletes—a story of the Future University of Wessex.

You of the University College, Southampton, disappoint us; you handed in your entries with enthusiasm and now that Sports Day has come you do not turn up; you say it is because you have not trained. Does that mean that you will run when you have trained? If so come along to the Montefiore Ground and experience the sheer joy of chasing on its springy turf, and the satisfaction of helping re-establish our College prestige in the Athletic world!

APATHETIC HIKERS!

To the Sports Editor, 'Wessex News'

Dear Sir,

I should be obliged if you would publish the substance of the following report, re the ten-mile walk, which I mentioned to you yesterday:—

The number of entries received for the ten mile walk last term appeared to be a satisfactory response to the appeal made through the 'Wessex News', but when—on the day of the event—only two entrants prepared to hike, we regretfully decided that circumstances were adverse, and the walk was postponed until this term. With greater regret we now have to report a repetition of last term's disappointment, but this time we feel that circumstances are not to be blamed.

We are determined, however, that the event shall be held—but on a different basis, hoping thereby to evoke greater enthusiasm. It is proposed that the walk be held one evening about three weeks hence (exact date to be announced) and that it should be run on a team basis—with three or four (according to number of entries) members of each faculty to count for points, as in cross country.

As a sporting event this offers great possibilities and faculty representatives are asked to contribute towards its success by raising teams and submitting them for entry to the officials of the Athletic Clubs as soon as possible. The individual winner will receive the cup (from which members of the winning team will be permitted to drink their own health).

I am sir,

Yours faithfully,

G. T. Lawrence.

LATER FOOTBALL ECHO.

Bullock and Blackett joined forces with Turnbull in the ranks of Ryde Sports, one of the best of Hampshire sides, on Friday evening, and between them they compassed the complete downfall of Bournemouth on their own ground by 6 goals to 0. Bullock scored three and Turnbull two. A grand parting gesture by three of our 'best ever' players, and a welcome sign that Bullock is fit again.

THE A.U. AND THE COLLEGE COUNCIL.

A number of enquiries have been made concerning the validity of the development programme for the ground announced last week. Enquirers have pointed out that the Ground and the Pavilion both belong to the College Council, and have suggested that to work out a plan without prior permission is irregular, or alternatively that any development should be financed by the owners.

We wish in reply to make two points clear. First, any material or structural alteration on the Ground or in the Pavilion could only be done with the consent of the owners, to whom recommendations would be made. Most of the changes suggested do not, however, come in this category, but are rather a necessity of administration, which is vested in the A.U. Secondly the plan has arisen from a desire, not to make, but rather to spare, the College Council. The Council has increased the annual A.U. grant in recent years, has spent £500 on a new Boat House, has purchased a plot of land, and has provided amenities for the new tennis courts. We cannot expect more at the moment, and must see what we can do for ourselves. Hence the plan—an essay in self-help, and an excellent example of the modern students' readiness to care as much for the equipment of their successors as for the convenience of themselves. In any case, the plan does not yet exist: the A.U. has not yet adopted it.

ON ANONYMITY.

Anonymity, usually regarded as a cloak for the meek, and must see more often the gambit of furtive seekers after notoriety who cannot achieve the attention for which they crave. It is usual to regard these literary parasites as nothing worse than a tolerable and rather amusing nuisance and to overlook the immense damage they do to a decadent art. That which is written has some peculiar sanctity to which the spoken word can lay no claim, and the abusive nature of most anonymous writing has led to the association of the sickly vices of anonymity with the dying art of conversational rudeness.

Rudeness in College conversa-

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... strode in exulting and sat down to feast. Long and gluttonously did they devour their victuals. They swallowed great gobbets of the grey and scarlet flesh of the baboon, yea, and that of the spotted dog also. They drank deep of the water of the Itchen. At the High Table sat their mighty leaders and rejoiced in the prowess of their warriors, the flower whereof, chosen men of valour, even then were guarding the brazen cannon, stolen with mighty cunning. Loudly they boasted.

Through the darkness the men of Stoneham advanced towards the stronghold. Loud were the sounds of carousal within. The gates were barred: yet some entered through a window lattice. ...

... On the stairway. Many struggled there together: there was blood, but not much. Their leader, a young man of Connaught, tall was he and strong, yet he fought not, for he exhorted us to depart in peace.

Fiercely we fought about a certain postern gate. Gone was the claron: it was not in the Hall of Books nor yet in the dungeon. ... They sallied forth; like lions we turned and stormed the gates, yet they shut them and with them some five of our band. These however, escaped, not greatly wounded. No other sortie did they make for they were sore afraid. But they waged war with scalding water, which is a device of cravens. ...

... We slept in peace: they durst not attack us, nay, not even to recover their postern gate which we had borne off. And there was peace on the morrow. And they restored to us the claron. But woe is me: I taste not the joys of victory for, heated in the battle and chilled by noxious vapours, I was stricken with sickness.

(Translator's Note.—In the interests of truth it is to be hoped that this mendacious scribe did not recover from his sickness).

tion is in an appalling state. Very few people seem to have the least conception of its methods or of its standards. The crude and amateurish efforts that we do see only tend to bring it further into disrepute as, ignoring the ethics of honest abuse, they sink to the petty spite of hurting people's feelings on irrelevant topics.

Rudeness, so often necessary as the weapon of honesty, must be mastered by conversationalists even more completely than politeness if conversation is to retain its balance and vitality, and for rudeness to recover and raise its head without shame it must be divorced from anonymity, which so evidently prostitutes it in the service of spite and notoriety, and return to be exalted in the cause of truth and honesty.

J. G. B.

Correspondence.

To the Editor of Wessex News,

Sir,
I am much obliged to you for your comments on 'Wessex'. I hope that they will draw the attention of students to this periodical. Since it began publication, I have consistently striven to obtain student support for it, and to persuade students to write for it. I have had much valuable support from students and I am grateful for it, but I want more. Wessex has never been 'little aware that Universities exist for students as well as professors,' nor has it ever tried to be 'pseudo-Olympian' (whatever that may be). It is designed to circulate among the more intelligent part of the general public, and therefore it has to maintain a high standard. But I want to make it thoroughly representative of all that is vital and interesting in the College, and I appeal to all students to buy it, to read it, to criticize it, and, if they feel the urge, to write articles, poems or stories and send them along to me to be considered for publication. Dr. Lawton will also be glad to see drawings or photographs suitable for reproduction. Our past record will show that we have never been slow to accept for publication anything of real merit submitted to us by students. It is not too early to send in contributions for *Wessex*, 1937!

Yours truly,

V. de S. Pinto,
Editor of *Wessex*.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*,

Dear Sir,

Pacifism is usually considered a Utopian dream rather than a practical policy, but the Constructive Peace Movement is an attempt to put pacifist principles into practice. The Movement, which was initiated by the Rev. H. R. L. Sheppard, has now over 100,000 members, but at present there is no group in the College. I should like, through the medium of your paper, to ask any members of College who are interested in the Movement or who would like to know more about it, to communicate with me.

I am, etc.,

G. C. Silsby,

To the Editor of *Wessex News*,

Dear Sir,

When, recently, a member of the Senior Common Room joined the College Territorial Platoon, his action was greeted in some quarters with ridicule and scorn.

To the Pacifist the whole question of 'defence' is far too serious to be made the subject of this type of humour; therefore, those responsible were not Pacifists and whether supporters of the League of Nations or not, believe in the necessity for the maintenance by this country of at least a certain degree of armed force. In these circumstances, should they not very seriously consider their own position, making sure that they ought not to be following the

Calendar.

Tuesday, May 5th.

1.20 p.m. Socialist Society.

Annual Meeting.

1.20 p.m. Catholic Society.

Business Meeting.

Wednesday, May 6th.

4 p.m. Montefiore Athletic

Ground. Opening of new Hard

Tennis Courts.

Friday, May 8th.

5.30 p.m. History Library.

Historical Association Meeting.

Mr. F. J. Fisher, M.A., of the

London School of Economics, on

'Some Social Aspects of the

English Revolution, 1640-1660.'

5.45 p.m. Mathematical Assoc.

'Mathematics—its relationship

to Navigation,' by Capt. Wake-

ford, F.R., Met. Soc.

5—7 p.m. Music Studio.

Students' Orchestra.

Saturday, May 9th.

Opening of New Boat House.

Sunday, May 10th.

9.45 a.m. Collegiate Service, St.

Mary's, South Stoneham. Canon

A. R. Simpson, M.A., Honorary

Canon of St. Michael's Cathed-

ral, Coventry.

Monday, May 11th.

1.20 p.m. Music Studio. Gramo-

phone Club. Saint-Saens Violon-

cello Concerto.

Advance Notices—

May 15th.

Pudovkin's 'Storm over Asia.'

Assembly Hall. 8.30.

Socialist Society.

May 29th and 30th.

Society of Old Hartleypians.

Annual Reunion.

example of the lecturer concerned, rather than indulging in cheap sneers at his expense.

Yours, etc.,

Pacifist.

To the Editor of *Wessex News*,

Dear Sir,

The A.U. are to be commended on the Summer Colours Blazer and on the fact that their Coloursmen have now TWO perfectly good Blazers from which to choose.

I would remind those who look to such matters for the bulk of the student body that while the minority have this choice, which no one would wish to deny them, the majority have to be content with a garment which fits with the sublime indifference of a night-shirt. The best that can be said about this garment is that it is distinguished by its lack of distinction and is certainly most unsuitable for summer wear.

Perhaps a similar offer on the part of the S.C. to provide a Summer Blazer which would be more of a credit to the College, to them and to us, would be appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

F. Child.

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